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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 12, 2018

**TO:** Assisted Living Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** Yvette Thomas, Director, Division of Long Term Services & Supports'  
Department of Human Services (DHS)

**SUBJECT:** SFY 2019 Assisted Living Reimbursement Rates

At the conclusion of last year's Legislative Session, the Division of Long Term Services & Supports notified assisted living providers that the rates for assisted living facilities were going to be increased based on the final appropriated budget. The approved appropriation for SFY19 was a move to 90% of methodology and a 2.0% inflationary increase. As a result your assisted living waiver rate was adjusted April 1, 2018. The Room and Board portion of the rate will continue to be adjusted each January 1 based on the higher amount between SSA COLA or State Inflation.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2019, the HOPE Waiver assisted living reimbursement rate will remain at \$48.32 per day or \$1,469.73 per month. The Room and Board portion of the rate will increase to \$731.00 per month or \$24.03 per day.

Federal requirements state that the State Optional Supplemental Assisted Living reimbursement rate must receive state inflation policy or COLA, whichever is greater. Therefore, effective January 1, 2019 the State Optional Supplemental Assisted Living reimbursement rate will be increased by 2.8% from \$1,633 per month to \$1,679 per month.

We appreciate your partnership and continued efforts to serve South Dakotans. Please contact Darin Ries at 605-773-3643 if you have any questions.

